

REGION 6 OTTAWA - EASTERN ONTARIO Newsletter





What is the International Police Association (IPA)

The IPA is the largest FRIENDSHIP and NETWORKING law enforcement organization in the world, with over 360,000 members from 66c countries worldwide.

The IPA is strictly a Not-for-profit, organization that does not have any of political, religious or employment affiliations or objectives. The IPA is solely an inclusive friendship organization that welcomes all eligible members regardless of rank, race, colour or creed.



President's Message

Welcome to our inaugural newsletter. To start, I would like to thank Teresa Holmes, our Regional Secretary, who in addition to working full time, found the time

to be the Newsletter's editor-at-large. Each article brings meaning into what it means to be a member of the IPA.

Looking back, it is hard to believe that three years have passed since Region 6 was reborn, see Brief History of the Former Region 6 Ottawa / Carleton, and almost

four years since that fateful day in Nov 2014 when I opened an email from Al Welke, then Vice President Central. In his email, Al stated he was looking for volunteers to try and get Region 6 back up and running again. Being semi-retired at the time, I thought I could spare some time and I replied that I would assist whoever was going to try and resurrect the region. To my surprise, I received a membership list of all members in Eastern Ontario in the mail within a week (tag you're it) and the quest began.

After completing a survey of all the members on the list, forty-six members replied that they were in favour of joining a new Region 6 and to make a long story short, Region 6 Ottawa - Eastern Ontario was granted regional status on September 15th, 2015.

Since then, Region 6 has grown to one-hundred members and we continue to grow. Some comparisons from then and now. In 2015...

- our largest age demographic was 70-79 (28%) and that has changed to 50-59 (32%);
- 26% of our members were still serving in law enforcement versus 42% today;
- we had only one female member and today we have eleven.; and
- The average length of time in the IPA was 11 years and this has dropped to 7.5 years today.

Numbers and percentages may be interpreted in many different ways but for me, the numbers represent positive growth for Region 6; it means people are hearing about the IPA and I have you, the members, to thank.

If I have learned anything about the IPA in these past few years it is that word of mouth has a much more positive affect on recruitment than advertising.

Here's looking to a great 2019 and beyond.

Len MacPherson President

"100 members

and we continue

to grow"

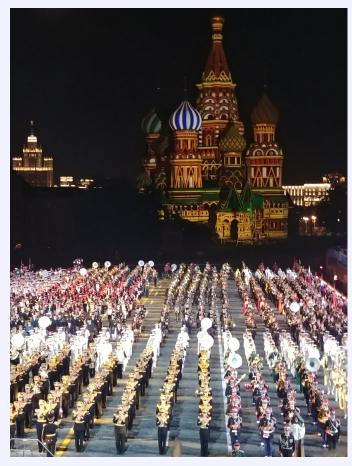


First meeting for the new Region 6 Ottawa—Eastern Ontario, held at the Ottawa Police Service Station on Greenbank Road. In addition to some of the new Region 6 members were: IPA National President Denis Nadeau, Secretary General Larry Sheppard, Vice President Central Region Al Welke, National Treasurer Stuart Rinaldo and Region 2 President Chris Barratt.

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Teresa's Awesome Trip to Russia

Spasskaya Tower in Moscow IPA Friendship Week 27 Aug – 02 Sep 2018



IPA Region 6 members, Teresa Holmes and Diane Speakman travelled 24+ hours to partake in an incredible and well planned IPA Friendship Week in Moscow.

Members for other IPA National Sections hailed from USA; Brazil; Denmark; Sweden; Spain; Portugal; and Albania.

Friendship Week was just that. Our IPA Motto "SERVO PER AMIKECO" – Service through Friendship. With representation from 8 countries, great and lasting friendships were created.

Our Russian hostesses, Galina and Helena went above and beyond to ensure our week was astounding and eventful. We were certainly well cared for and had great ease travelling throughout the city, whether with the group or venturing out on our own with Moscow's vast metro system and Russian Uber.

Some of the more memorable moments of the week include:

- The Festival Spasskaya Tower (Military Tattoo) in the Red Square: To actually sit in the same stands as Russian Heads of State when they review their military parades was surreal. The sheer numbers of military performers, majesty of each presentation and sold out audience created a magnificent spectacle;
- Stalin's Bunker: An incredible step back in time...
 - Stalin traveled underground from the Kremlin, Moscow to remain in his bunker, which was a short distance from the German lines during WWII. He would not withdraw and victory became theirs as the Germans retreated after being a mere 17 kms from Moscow. The bunker



has remained unchanged and we were permitted to sit, touch and explore the historical artifacts;

We visited numerous museums and Russian Orthodox



churches which contained numerous 1200 – 1700 century artifacts, most notably the fur and jewelled crowns of Ivan V Alekseyevich, joint Tsar of Russia with his younger half-brother Peter I, who co-reigned between 1682 and 1696. The churches undergoing restoration, still displayed their original glorious artwork on the upper walls

and vaulted dome ceilings;

 We toured a local Police/Emergency Services Water station where our Region 6 banner was exchanged with the police chief and we were granted the opportunity to observe their emergency water rescue and given a boat ride around the lake; and

Teresa's Trip - cont'd

• Finally, the action-packed week was concluded by the IPA Moscow Week Friendship Gala, where we were

introduced to Moscow Region President, Lt-General Sardak Ivan and received IPA Moscow swag bags containing a bottle of vodka with an IPA label and their hard copy newsletter.

The meals throughout the various themed restaurants were extravagant and naturally served with vodka. Countless



glasses were raised, which just added to the astounding Friendship Week. Our hosts and IPA Moscow most certainly outdid themselves.

This opportunity would never occur without the existence of the International Police Association. I encourage each and every one of you to tread off the beaten path and explore/partake in these various IPA Friendship Weeks throughout the world. You will greatly benefit, not only meeting new friends but experiences too vast to imagine...not to mention the shopping excursions.

Teresa Holmes IPA R6 Secretary

Visitors to the Region

On Monday, 16 June 2018, Steve and Helen Cox arrived at the Ottawa International Airport and were picked up by a Region 6 member. As per their request, tours were arranged at the War Museum, Parliament Building, OPS HQ, RCMP Stables and they viewed the Changing of the Ceremonial Guard at Parliament Hill. They also enjoyed great local pub food with other Region 6 members, finally, being driven to the Ottawa Train Station by another Region 6 member for their continuing cross Canada Trip on Wednesday, 18 June 2018.

Visitors to the Region

Steve and Helen did not know one single person in Ottawa, however, they filled out the International Travel Form, expressed their interests and submitted, waiting to see what the response would be. It reached our

Travel Coordinator,
Bill Murrell, who,
with the assistance of
many Region 6 members volunteering
their time, granted
their every wish and
ensured they arrived



and departed with ease. Needless to say, Steve and Helen had a whirlwind 3 day tour of Ottawa and more importantly made long standing friends.

This adventure is just one in the numerous, global experiences available to any IPA member. The hospitality displayed between various law enforcement agencies and members, active or retired is formidable and inspiring to all. With Arthur Troop's vision "Servo per Amikeco" (Service Through Friendship), IPA most certainly gives and reciprocates to one and all.

So...know that with IPA, adventure, friendship and travel are just at your fingertips. The world is your canvas and not knowing anyone or travelled to an area before is not an excuse. Simply fill out an IPA Travel Form and see what awaits.

Tips for Completing the International Travel Form

- Always download the blank Travel Form to your computer. Never complete
 the online form
- Complete a separate Travel Form for each country you plan to visit.
- If you plan to visit more than one location/city or town, use page two of the form.
- If you have insufficient space of the form to describe activities you would like to do or places you would like to visit, attach a separate page in Word format.
- Allow sufficient time: For group travel, submit your form(s) at least 3 months in advance and 1 month in advance of individual/family travel.
- Visit the TRAVEL section on the Region 6 website for additional information and links

Region 6 Store

Why are there so few items for sale?

The most direct answer is Money! Being a relatively new Region, we do not have the financial resources to purchase and maintain in stock a large selection of items which conceivably could sit around for years. To compensate for our limited buying power, we use a purchase on demand system whereby members are asked to place orders in advance of placing an order with a manufacturer. In this manner we are assured to recover expenditures. Some items, like those shown below, are high demand items for travelers who use these items as tokens of their appreciation for favours rendered while travelling.

Special Orders

About twice a year, orders are solicited for items such as t-shirts and polo style shirts. These are 'purchase on demand' items and a minimum number of orders are required before an order can be placed. As each manufacturer we deal with requires a minimum order to ensure a reasonable price for members, an order will not be placed until we meet the threshold.

In Stock Items

Due to their popularity, especially with members who travel, we try to always maintain a stock of R6 Lapel Pins, Pennants and Coins:







Anyone interested in purchasing these items may due so by visiting the STORE page on our website at:

www.ipaottawa.com/store

Social Committee

The Region 6 Social Committee was formed to organize events that, hopefully, would bring members together socially, enabling them to develop relationships that enhance the harmony and pleasure of being an Region 6 member.

The Committee is responsible for planning and

coordinating social activities such as monthly brunches and larger events, which will involve more coordination such as golf tournaments, river cruises, coordinating with other IPA Regions, etc.

Region 6 strives to provide appealing social functions for its 100 members, however, we need more members to come forward to provide assistance.



A golf tournament, for example, could be an annual event but that would necessitate an organizing committee. One that has members who have experience is setting up such an event would he truly beneficial. The same applies for the organization of a river cruise, wine tour, etc. The ideas are endless as the region offers a wide variety of tourist attractions.

We are appealing to our members to participate on an as needed basis or to focus on one or more events that may be of interest to them. You will be a major contributor to Region 6 success, providing opportunities to assemble and partake in fun and interactive experiences. The stronger our Social Committee, the stronger IPA Region 6.

Support your region to not be just another organization in name only. Help us to reach out and make Region 6 a resounding success. Interested members may us by sending an email to:

iparegion6@rogers.com.

Sports Section

What self-respecting Newsletter wouldn't have its own Sports Section? Well, most probably none; however, we got big news to tell and it seems to fit well here ©

First International Police Association Games

May 2018, Lisbon, Portugal hosted the first International Police Association (IPA) games in which more than 350 members participated from 25 different countries.



Bill Murrell, our Travel Coordinator and Regional Supply Officer, participated as a member of the IPA Canada basketball team.

Bill has worked for Peel Regional Police and the

The 'TEAM'

Ottawa Police Service for a total of 35 years and has been

a Region 6 member for 13 years. Having first noticed the advertised games in a newsletter, he later connected with an IPA Region 2 member who was trying to create a team.

Bill, an all-round athlete, standing well over 6' tall naturally loves and plays basketball every chance he can get. He thought it would be interesting to combine the sport with an IPA friendship week type event. He brought his lovely wife Ann along for good luck. They embarked on their long

flight to Lisbon with a London, UK stopover.

The weary travellers were given a wonderful treat upon their arrival. They were able to spend their first night at the Lisbon IPA house before being driven by car to their nice, 4 star hotel. Throughout the week they enjoyed the plentiful and very good food provided by IPA Lisbon,

Our Canadian team was represented by Mustafa Popalzai and (Toronto PS), Murtaza Popalzai (OPP), Farouk Fyzul (Toronto PS), Bill Murrell (Region 6) and they picked up two international players, Alexandrino Neves (IPA Portugal), Marcel Grabl (son of German IPA member)

IPA Canada's Basketball Team played 3 games over 2 days. They played valiantly and with great Canadian patriotism that made us proud. Unnerved by Bill's "ZZ Top" beard



and tremendous height, team Canada held its own, however, with only 1 spare member they eventually capitulated to the Lithuanian National Police team, Barcelona Police team and the Thessaloniki Police team.

Bill swears he lost a few pounds playing so hard,

but great fun was had by all, the true meaning of the International Police Association.

Bill's overall impression of the games was good and a worthwhile IPA adventure. The participants were for the most part very friendly, minus a few sporting rivalries. Venues were good and most importantly, Bill scored huge with various international police trading paraphernalia.



Brief History of the Former Region 6 Ottawa / Carleton

Prologue

Unfortunately, not much is known about the former Region 6 Ottawa/Carleton. What we do know comes from four pages of abbreviated notes in the form of a "Historian's Report" and from a personal account by Bill Leverington, Region 6 member, past and present.

Four pages of notes does not seem like much when you consider that the region was in existence for nine years, however, it seems that the Historian only made notes during yearly Annual Meetings or when someone mailed in a report. Yes, you read that last line correctly 'mailed in' a report. Nowadays we take email, Facebook, Twitter, etc. for granted but back in the 70s, people usually communicated by letter and only occasionally was the telephone used to make long distance phone calls.

Rather than try and make a story out of the Historian's Report, it was decided to reproduce the report. When reading the report, the name Charles Wright is mentioned a number of time. Charles Wright, later Rev. Charles Wright, was the founder of Section Canada.

Historian's Report

June 1972 - Region 6 Ottawa/Carleton was granted regional status. The executive of the day included:

- President—Murray McCallum,
- Vice-President—Robert Kennedy,
- Secretary—Gerald K. Martin,
- Supplies—Art Butroid, and
- Publications—Edward Pendlebury

The region started out with thirty-three (33) members and that number soon climbed to sixty (60) members.

August 1972 - a letter is on file noting communication problems due to the loss of their regional secretary.

March 1973 - there is a note, from Charles Wright, that the meeting to be held in Ottawa was cancelled. It seems that a postal strike cased serious communication problems in that section. Charles stated that the region has serious problems, which he planned to look into.

September 1973 - Lost Regional secretary Syd Facer. At the AGM, it was stated that there were some problems with loss of direction and confusion but that efforts were being made to form a new executive, and to promote IPA in an effort to increase membership and revitalize the region. Charles Wright noted that Facer seemed to be the only one in the area who was holding that region together. Lastly, it was stated, that Bill Levrington, formerly of R1(London, Ontario), was now in the R6 area and was starting efforts to put R6 back together again.

August 1974 - Murray McCallum of R6 said that he hoped that R6 would become more involved with planning events such as the AGM in the future. At this time there were 24 original members (paid up). Phillips (R7) stated that he was in constant communication with R6 and noted that R6 was active again under new leadership.

September 1975 - R6 not represented at the AGM. Phillips reported that he had visited R6 to attempt to motivate them and he found that there seemed to be some personality problems there.

July 1976 - Only two Executive Committee members shown:

- President Murray McCallum, and
- Treasurer Bill Leverington

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Historian's Chronological Report—cont'd

1977 - New Executive Committee

- President—Wayne Plumb
- Vice President George Down
- Secretary—James Bayne
- Treasurer—Bill Leverington
- Supply Officer—Andre Boucher
- Social Director—Murray McCallum

1977 AGM - Was hosted successfully by R6. President Wayne Plumb stated that the members rallied to host the meeting and would be embarking on a recruiting campaign in the near future. He felt that hosting the AGM would assist the region in gaining members for the future.

June 1979 - New Executive:

- President Bill Leverington
- Vice President & Secretary James Bayne
- Registrar/Secretary Tom Dunlevie
- Editor for region Bill Leverington
- Treasurer & Social Secretary Richard Copithorn
- Supply Officer Andre Boucher

November 1979 - reference made to problems in R6 again.

April 1980 - National Treasurer reported that R6 was two years delinquent with its dues and recommended that a notice of dissolution should be made if that region did not pay its national dues and become active again within one year. a letter was written to the President of R6 offering every assistance from NEC to put the region back into action and stating that they wanted them to continue as a region. A request was made for some indication of reactivation within the next year.

May 1980 - R6 not represented at NEC or AGM meeting. Charles Wright reported that nothing had been officially received from R6 for some time and noted that various problems had occurred with the region. He noted that the work of both Phillips and Courval to resolve the problems met with little of no cooperation from the region. l.everington who had been very active as an IPA member had relinquished his post due to fumily problems and Jim Bayne had taken over but had been too ill to do a very effective job. This matter had been discussed at the last NEC meeting in Kingston. It was suggested that some action should be taken to resolve this difficult situation and it was noted that the R6 was 2 years in arrears for dues and would not respond to letters on the subject. Members were asked if there was any objection to the idea of R2 attempting to get R6 moving or to R2 inviting R6 members to join with R2. It was stated that R7 should do do the same due to the geographical location of R6. It was decided that the matter should be left to NEC Officers to deal with.

Brief History of the Former Region 6 Ottawa / Carleton - Cont'd

Historian's Chronological Report—cont'd

May 1981 - Constitution amended to include Expulsion & Dissolution of a section. Reference was made to the problems encountered with R6 over nonpayment of national dues. There was nothing in the constitution in place to deal with this issue. It was decided that, in the event of the dissolution of the Canadian Section of the International Police Association the disposition of the assets of the section shall be decided by the Extra-ordinary Annual General Meeting. Expulsion shall be pronounced by the combined National Executive Council and Regional representatives, at an Annual General Meeting. after a further period of one year, upon application being made to the Annual General Meeting by the National Treasurer.

Secretary General's Report - May 1981

He received a letter from Bill Leverington of R6 stating the R6 should be considered "down and out" and cited the reason that Jim Bayne, the Regional Secretary was back in hospital and non-functioning. and his own son was having serious medical problems, He was unable to put any efforts into the IPA and region's response to the national section has been negligible. No one else was willing to take over and very few members renewed their membership. He requested that the books be closed, all funds placed in one account and he had instructed his treasurer to await further instructions. He was asking for advice and guidelines on how to proceed and he thought that his current membership would re-join R 1 as members.

He apologized for the lack of response from his area and hoped that they would understand his problems. He hoped that the region could be re-activated some time in the future.

The funds had been put into a trust account in the name of IPA and that some efforts would be made by the NEC to get them going again.

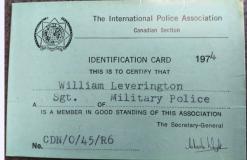
It was felt that it would not be a good idea to transfer membership to other regions because there was a possibility that another region was being stated in Kingston, not far from Ottawa. Discussions were to continue about having members transfer to Kingston and have the funds from Ottawa transferred to Kingston to help them startup.

NOTE: As part of our brief history, Bill Leverington, former Region 6 President, was asked to write a few notes based on what he remembers about the former Region 6 Ottawa/Carleton. Like many people in Eastern Ontario, Bill was unaware that Region 6 was reconstituted and when he learned it was, he rejoined in April 2017 - 36 years after he had no choice but to request Region 6 be closed down.

Bill's Comments

In 1972, being employed as a Military Police in London, Ontario, I learned about and was accepted into the International Police Association Region One.

In 1973, I was posted to Ottawa and transferred my membership to Region Six. With a little financial knowledge and the Treasurer position was empty, I took on that position. As being the only Military Policeman member in R6, I had contacts with several police forces in the area. Although I was able to recruit several members of the Military, I and others were unable to convince police members of other Forces, to join. There were many reasons given: ie. Force policy, dislike of some other forces, dislike of some members. I could go on but I will not.



Brief History of the Former Region 6 Ottawa / Carleton - Cont'd

Of the Military members, I seem to recall about 10, within 2-3 years, they were moved out of Ottawa, One, to Saskatchewan, One to BC, the rest to Germany.

In 1977, Region Six was asked to host the AGM. We, the members did a lot of work to ensure it went well. The Hotel used was on Carling and 417. I seem to recall it is no longer a Hotel. However, a small note

of appreciation from the Hotel was received due to an incident that occurred after a meeting.

Jim Bayne, I, one for Calgary and two from Toronto were in a room socializing when we heard a crashing noise in the hall, two young boys were smashing the lights in the hall. When they saw us, they started to run. Problem for the boys was the floor hall was a circle. One of our members from Toronto & I went to the left, Jim Bayne and another went to the right, Caught them and turned them over to the Management. The two boys chose the wrong floor to start causing damage.

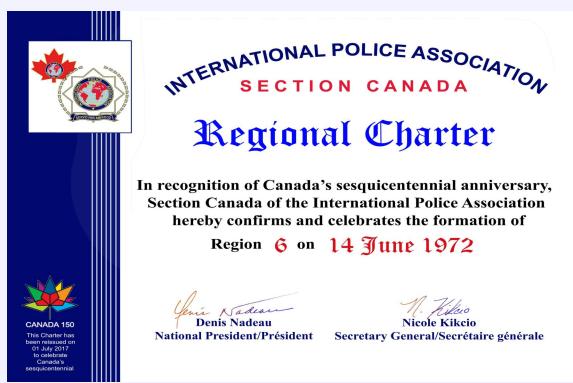


PHOTO: Regional President Len MacPherson (L) and Bill Leverington (R) comparing membership cards

In 1979, I became the president and tried very hard to get

new members, but for the many reasons given above, we could not get any new members and many of the old members stopped renewing their membership. So in 1981, National was informed that region 6 was closing down.

Regional Charter







Spam - Emails

Over the last few months, several members have reported receiving email, purportedly from Region 6, Bill Murrell (Regional Supply Officer) or in one case from Harry Summerton (National Travel Secretary). There were three common denominators in all these messages. The first was that the sender(s) seemed to purposely misspell the alleged senders name, the second was that the sender wanted the recipients to open a link contained in the body of the email message, and the third and most alarming is that the sender individually addressed the emails to the correct mailing address making it seem like a legitimate email. Enquiries revealed that other regions are also receiving similar email.



So as to avoid any confusion in the future, Region 6 will send all BULK (all-member) emails using Mail Chimp. All messages will be individually addressed and the Mail Chimp logo will be on the bottom of each email. In addition, all messages will show the multi-coloured blue header shown at below.



The foregoing does not include one to one messages sent out by Executive Committee members. These emails will show the senders name and your name will be in the To: box. Always be suspicious of emails which show the email was sent to 'undisclosed recipients' or wording to that affect and NEVER open a link in an email unless you are sure the link is associated with something your requested or the email is from a trusted source. If you are unsure as to the validity of any email purportedly send by Region 6, forward it to iparegion6@rogers.com to confirm its validity.

Newsletter Editor Wanted

As stated earlier, this is the Region's first attempt at a newsletter; we hope you enjoyed it and found it informative. We, (the Executive Committee) would like to put out a Newsletter every quarter but in order to do that we will need a volunteer to join our ranks as the Newsletter Editor.

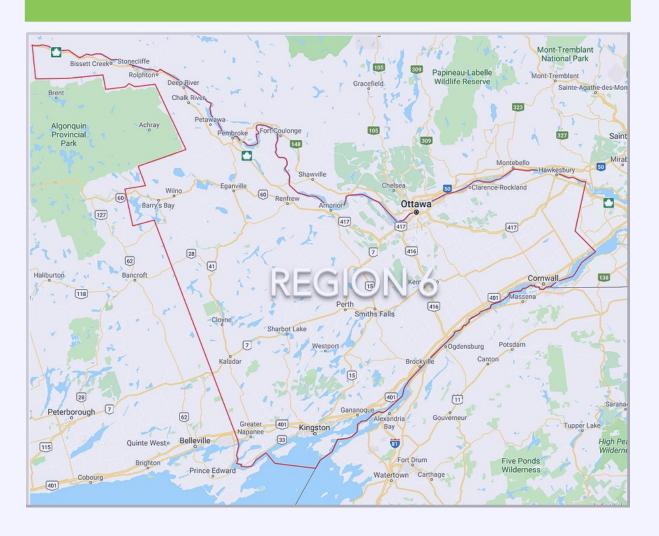
The hours are good and you start at the same rate of pay as the President. We are not looking for an English scholar, just someone who likes to write and thinks it might be fun to get involved.

If you are interested, please contact Teresa Holmes, Regional Secretary at iparegion6@rogers.com. For more details



Region 6 Geographical Boundaries

Region 6 is bounded by the Ottawa River to the North, the Province of Quebec to the East, the St Lawrence River and Lake Ontario to the South and the Western boundaries Lennox & Addington and Renfrew Counties to the West.



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Region 6 Social Events - Come out and Join Us!

